



Proclamation

National Nursing Week

May 11 – 17, 2026

Whereas this week highlights the essential role nurses play in strengthening our health system and supporting the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, including registered nurses (RN), nurse practitioners (NP) and registered practical nurses (RPN); and

Whereas nurses are trusted clinicians, mentors and advocates who lead innovation in care and respond to the evolving and complex needs of our population, guided by evidence and a commitment to quality; and

Whereas nurses recognize that social and environmental factors are key determinants of health, and work across sectors to reduce inequities, improve access to care and advance inclusive, culturally safe practices; and

Whereas during National Nursing Week, we celebrate the central role of nurses across public health, primary care, acute care, home care and long-term care, and acknowledge their contributions to research, education and system transformation; and

Whereas the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) will mark this week by bringing nurses and communities together through events that celebrate leadership, share knowledge and strengthen the profession; and

Whereas this year's theme, Empowered Nurses Save Lives, highlights the impact of nurses in delivering safe, high-quality care and improving health outcomes across all settings; and

Whereas RNAO is the professional association representing more than 57,250 RNs, NPs and nursing students in Ontario, advancing evidence-based practice and influencing health policy both locally and globally through its Best Practice Guidelines and Best Practice Spotlight Organization® (BPSO®) programs;

Therefore be it resolved that, on behalf of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Tom Mrakas, do hereby proclaim **May 11 – 17, 2026** as **National Nursing Week** in the Town of Aurora.

Tom Mrakas
Mayor